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2003 Child Abuse and Neglect State Statute Series Statutes-at-a-Glance Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect

What You Need to Know

Child abuse and neglect are defined by both Federal and State legislation. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) is the Federal legislation that provides minimum guidelines States must incorporate in their statutory definitions of child abuse and neglect.

Based on CAPTA guidelines, each State and U.S. Territory provides its own definitions of child abuse and neglect. As applied to reporting statutes, these definitions describe the acts and conditions that determine the grounds for State intervention in the protection of a child's well-being.

Standards

The standard for what constitutes abuse varies among States. Many States define abuse in terms of "harm or threatened harm" to a child's health or welfare. A few States define abuse in terms of "serious harm or threat of serious harm."

Exemptions

Most statutes also specify exceptions. The most common exception is a religious exemption for parents who choose not to seek medical care for their children due to religious beliefs. Other exceptions include corporal punishment, cultural practices, and poverty.

Categories

States generally provide separate definitions for physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and emotional maltreatment. Many States and Territories now include abandonment in their definition of neglect. Some definitions are detailed, while others are broad.

States with broader definitions provide child protective services (CPS) with greater discretion in determining what constitutes abuse.

The Statutes-at-a-Glance listings summarize specific sections of each State's code. While every attempt has been made to be as complete as possible, additional information on these topics may be in other sections of a State's code as well as in agency regulations, case law, and informal practices and procedures. Readers interested in interpretation of specific statutory provisions within an individual jurisdiction should consult with professionals within the State familiar with the statutes' implementation.

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Alabama

Statute: §§ 26-14-1(1)-(3); 26-14-7.2(a)

Standard:

Harm or threatened harm

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Alaska

Statute: §§ 47.17.290; 47.17.020(d)

Standard:

Health or welfare harmed or threatened

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

American Samoa

Statute: §§ 45.2001(a)(1); 46.3805; 46.3810

Standard:

- Knowingly
- Health or welfare seriously threatened

Exemption:

- Cultural practices
- Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Arizona

Statute: § 8-201(1), (2), (6), (8), (12), (13), (21)

Standard:

Inflicting or allowing

Exemption:

- Christian Science treatment
- Unavailability of reasonable services

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed.

Arkansas

Statute: § 12-12-503

Standard:

- Intentionally
- Knowingly
- Negligently and without cause

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Poverty

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
 - Neglect
 - Sexual abuse
 - Sexual exploitation
 - Emotional/mental injury
 - Abandonment
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Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

California**Statute:** Penal Code §§ 11165.1; 11165.2; 11165.4; 11165.6**Standard:**

Inflicted by non-accidental means

Exemption:

- Informed medical decision
- Reasonable force
- Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

- Emotional/mental injury
 - Abandonment
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Colorado**Statute:** §§ 19-1-103; 19-3-102; 19-3-103**Standard:**

Threatens child's health or welfare

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Cultural practices
- Reasonable force
- Religious exemption
- Work-related practices of agricultural communities

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Connecticut

Statute: §§ 46b-120(1)-(2), (4), (8)-(9), (10); 17a-104

Standard:

Inflicted injuries by non-accidental means

Exemption:

Christian Science treatment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Delaware

Statute: Tit. 16, §§ 902; 913

Standard:

Injury by other than accidental means

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

District of Columbia

Statute: §§ 4-1301.02; 16-2301

Standard:

Inflicts or fails to make reasonable efforts to prevent the infliction of

Exemption:

- Religious exemption
- Poverty
- Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Florida

Statute: § 39.01

Standard:

Willful or threatened act that harms or is likely to cause harm

Exemption:

- Religious exemption
- Corporal punishment
- Poverty

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Georgia

Statute: § 19-7-5(b)

Standard:

Inflicted by non-accidental means

Exemption:

- Religious exemption
- Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

- Emotional/mental injury
 - Abandonment
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Guam

Statute: Tit. 19, § 13201

Standard:

Harm or threatened harm

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Hawaii

Statute: § 350-1

Standard:

Acts or omissions resulting in the child being harmed or subject to any reasonably foreseeable, substantial risk of being harmed

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Idaho

Statute: § 16-1602(a), (b), (k), (q), (s), (t)

Standard:

Conduct or omission

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Illinois

Statute: 325 ILCS 5/3

Standard:

- Inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be inflicted
- Creates a substantial risk
- Commits or allows to be committed

Exemption:

- Plan of care
- Religious exemption
- School attendance

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Indiana

Statute: §§ 31-34-1(1)-(11), (12)-(15); 35-46-1(3); 31-9-2-0.5

Standard:

Acts or omissions

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Prescription drugs
- Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Iowa

Statute: § 232.68(2), (4), (5), (7)

Standard:

Acts or omissions

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Kansas

Statute: §§ 38-1502; 3516

Standard:

Infliction of injury or causing deterioration

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Kentucky**Statute:** § 600.020**Standard:**

- Harmed or threatened with harm
- Inflicts or allows to be inflicted

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Louisiana**Statute:** Children's Code art. 603(1), (3), (5), (7), (9), (14)**Standard:**

Seriously endangers

Exemption:

- Poverty
- Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Maine

Statute: Tit. 22, §§ 4002(1), (1-A), (1-B), (6), (9), (9-B), (9-C), (10), (11); 4010(1)

Standard:

- Threat to child's health or welfare
- Deprivation of essential needs
- Lack of protection

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Maryland

Statute: § 5-701

Standard:

Harmed or substantial risk of being harmed

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Massachusetts

Statute: Ch. 119, § 51A; Ch. 209, § 38

Standard:

- Inflicted harm
- Substantial risk of harm

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

- Sexual exploitation
 - Abandonment
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Michigan

Statute: §§ 722.622; 722.628(3)(c); 722.634

Standard:

Harm or threatened harm

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Minnesota

Statute: §§ 260C.007; 626.556

Standard:

- Infliction of harm
- Inadequate ability to provide adequate parental care

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Religious exemption
- Cultural practices
- Reasonable force by a teacher, principal, or school employee

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Mississippi

Statute: § 43-21-105(d)-(g), (l)-(n), (v)

Standard:

Caused or allowed to be caused

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Missouri

Statute: §§ 210.110; 210.115(3)

Standard:

Inflicted by non-accidental means

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

- Sexual exploitation
- Abandonment

Montana**Statute:** § 41-3-102**Standard:**

- Actual harm
- Substantial risk of harm

Exemption:

- Religious exemption
- Reasonable medical judgment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Nebraska**Statute:** § 28-710**Standard:**

- Knowingly
- Intentionally
- Negligently causing or permitting

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Abandonment

Nevada**Statute:** §§ 432B.020(1)-(2); 432B.070; 432B.090; 432B.100; 432B.110; 432.130; 432.140; 432.150**Standard:**

- Caused or allowed
- Harmed or threatened with harm
- Intentional acts or omissions

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

New Hampshire**Statute:** § 169-C:3**Standard:**

Immediate peril or risk

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

New Jersey**Statute:** § 9:6-8.9**Standard:**

- Inflicts or allows to be inflicted
- Creates or allows to be created a substantial or ongoing risk

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:
Sexual exploitation

New Mexico**Statute:** § 32A-4-2**Standard:**

- Knowingly
- Intentionally
- Negligently

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

New York**Statute:** Soc. Serv. § 412; Fam. Cr. § 1012**Standard:**

- Inflicts or allows to be inflicted
- Creates or allows to be created
- Commits or allows to be committed

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:Not addressed in statutes reviewed

North Carolina

Statute: § 7B-101

Standard:

- Inflicts or allows to be inflicted
- Creates or allows to be created
- Uses or allows to be used
- Commits, permits, or encourages
- Encourages, directs, or approves

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

North Dakota

Statute: §§ 50-25.1-02; 27-20-02

Standard:

Serious harm caused by non-accidental means

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Northern Mariana Islands

Statute: Tit. 6, §§ 5312; 1311

Standard:

- Willfully or intentionally
- Harm or threatened harm

Exemption:

Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Ohio

Statute: §§ 2151.011; 2151.03; 2151.031; 2151.04; 2151.05; 2907.01

Standard:

Harms or threatens to harm

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Oklahoma

Statute: Tit. 10, §§ 7102(B); 7103(E); 7106(A)(3)

Standard:

Harms or threatens to harm

Exemption:

Religious exemption
Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Oregon

Statute: § 419B.005

Standard:

- Inflicted harm by non-accidental means
- Threatened harm; substantial risk of harm

Exemption:

Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Pennsylvania

Statute: 23 PCSA § 6303

Standard:

Recent act or failure to act

Exemption:

- Poverty
- Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Puerto Rico

Statute: Tit. 8, § 441

Standard:

Intentional act or omission

Exemption:

Failure to provide medical treatment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Rhode Island

Statute: § 40-11-2

Standard:

- Harmed or threatened with harm
- Inflicts or allows to be inflicted
- Creates or allows to be created
- Commits or allows to be committed

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

South Carolina

Statute: § 20-7-490

Standard:

- Harmed or threatened with harm
- Inflicts or allows to be inflicted
- Commits or allows to be inflicted

Exemption:

Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

South Dakota

Statute: § 26-8A-2

Standard:

Threatens with substantial harm

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Tennessee

Statute: §§ 37-1-102; 37-1-401; 37-1-602(a)

Standard:

Commits or allows to be committed

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

- Neglect
 - Abandonment
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Texas

Statute: Fam. Code § 261.001; Penal Code § 43.01

Standard:

- Substantial harm or the genuine threat of substantial harm
- Failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent

Exemption:

Corporal punishment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Utah

Statute: § 62A-4a-402

Standard:

Causing harm or threatened harm

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Vermont

Statute: Tit. 33, § 4912

Standard:

Harmed or substantial risk of harm

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Virgin Islands

Statute: Tit. 5, § 2502

Standard:

- Inflicts injury
- Creates substantial risk of harm

Exemption:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Virginia

Statute: § 63.2-100

Standard:

- Creates or inflicts, threatens to create or inflict, or allows to be created or inflicted
- Commits or allows to be committed

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Washington

Statute: §§ 26.44.020; 26.44.030(1)(c); 26.44.015(1)-(3)

Standard:

Health, welfare, and safety is harmed

Exemption:

- Corporal punishment
- Physical disability
- Christian Science treatment

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

- Emotional/mental injury
 - Abandonment
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West Virginia

Statute: § 49-1-3

Standard:

- Harm or threat
- Knowingly or intentionally inflicts, attempts to inflict, or allows to be inflicted

Exemption:

- Poverty
- Exemption to State compulsory education

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
 - Neglect
 - Sexual abuse
 - Sexual exploitation
 - Emotional/mental injury
 - Abandonment
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Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Not addressed in statutes reviewed

Wisconsin

Statute: §§ 48.02; 48.9981(1)

Standard:

Injury by non-accidental means

Exemption:

Poverty

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Emotional/mental injury

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Abandonment

Wyoming

Statute: § 14-3-202(a)

Standard:

Inflicting or causing physical or mental injury, harm, or imminent danger

Exemption:

Religious exemption

Categories of Maltreatment Defined in Statute:

- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional/mental injury
- Abandonment

Categories of Maltreatment Not Defined in Statute:

Sexual exploitation